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a control unit to receive said at least one first command and at least one second command and to communicate a command signal associated therewith to at least one appliance within a vehicle.

28. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein said control unit is to compare said at least one first command and said at least one second command.

29. The apparatus of claim 25 wherein said control unit is to combine said at least one first command and said at least one second command.

Kindly consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, entry of this paper, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Interview Summary

An interview was held between Examiner Beaulieu and applicants' representatives Vladimir Sherman and Adele Marcus. Firstly, Applicants representatives would like to thank Examiner Beaulieu for holding the interview.

The Sawada reference (US 5,754,430A) and Independent Claims 25 and 33 from the response to the Office Action of June 14, 2001, were discussed. Applicants have removed all "able" language from all claims in order to have a clearer "positive recitation" of the element of a controller receiving input from both handwritten and voice inputs and producing a control signal in response.

As discussed a controller receiving both voice and handwritten input is described in the specification as filed and in the claims as of June 14, 2001. Should the Examiner require

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a supplemental search for such a controller, Applicants' representative maintains the position that the applicants should not be required to file a request for continued examination (RCE).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 05-0649 (Docket No. P-1653-US).

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

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In the claims:

25. (Once Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a voice recognition unit [able] to output at least one first command from at least one command data set;

a handwriting recognition unit [able] to output at least one second command from said at least one command data set; and

a control unit [able] to receive said at least one first command and at least one second command and [able] to communicate a command signal associated therewith to at least one appliance within a vehicle.

28. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein said control unit is [able] to compare said at least one first command and said at least one second command.

29. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 25 wherein said control unit is [able] to combine said at least one first command and said at least one second command.